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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC DOWN 0.9% IN AUGUST

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 17, 1991 -- Airline passenger traffic decreased 0.9 percent in August, compared with the same month last year, and was down 3.6 percent for the first eight months of 1991, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic decreased 2.5 percent in August. Available seat miles were down 3.6 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 68.8 percent, up from 68.1 percent for August, 1990. Passenger enplanements declined 3.7 percent to 38.5 million.

In international service, traffic in August was up 3.2 percent. Available seat miles increased 6.9 percent. The load factor averaged 78.2 percent, compared with 81.0 percent for August 1990. 4.5 million passengers were enplaned in August 1991, up 0.1 percent from the same period last year.

For the first eight months of 1991, domestic traffic decreased 3.0 percent, and available seat miles were down 3.9 percent. The load factor increased slightly to 62.3 percent. Passenger enplanements were down 3.7 percent, with 271.0 million passengers.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

AUGUST 1991 - 1990

	AUGUST			YEAR TO DATE		
	1991	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1991	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	38,455	39,920	(3.7)	271,032	281,377	(3.7)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	32,680,223	33,511,980	(2.5)	222,904,153	229,818,434	(3.0)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	47,475,819	49,223,298	(3.6)	357,865,161	372,450,872	(3.9)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	68.8	68.1		62.3	61.7	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	4,470	4,466	.1	25,829	28,159	(8.3)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	13,505,619	13,083,441	3.2	74,804,334	79,145,309	(5.5)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	17,261,396	16,144,470	6.9	109,944,144	111,189,712	(1.1)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	78.2	81.0		68.0	71.2	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	42,925	44,386	(3.3)	296,861	309,536	(4.1)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	46,185,842	46,595,421	(.9)	297,708,487	308,963,743	(3.6)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	64,737,215	65,367,768	(1.0)	467,809,305	483,640,584	(3.3)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	71.3	71.3		63.6	63.9	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, SOUTHWEST, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

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SYSTEM OPERATIONS

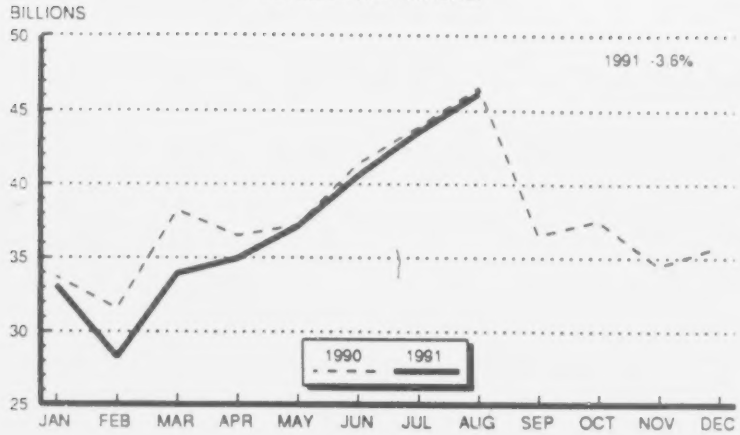
MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990				
January	33,727,179	58,813,269	57.3	34,072
February	31,540,592	53,262,638	59.2	33,182
March	38,202,361	60,147,805	63.5	40,079
April	36,492,221	58,905,308	62.0	37,898
May	37,185,400	61,035,252	60.9	37,894
June	41,331,085	61,456,723	67.3	40,381
July	43,889,484	64,651,821	67.9	41,644
August	46,595,421	65,367,768	71.3	44,386
September	36,520,229	60,761,698	60.1	35,468
October	37,501,512	62,252,748	60.2	38,026
November	34,440,984	58,487,977	58.9	35,830
December	35,816,112	60,022,794	59.7	35,872
TOTAL 1990	453,242,580	725,165,801	62.5	454,732
Jan - Aug	308,963,743	483,640,584	63.9	309,536
1991				
January	33,156,624	58,193,663	57.0	33,323
February	28,279,361	50,220,485	56.3	30,818
March	33,935,173	56,769,427	59.8	35,939
April	34,954,831	55,215,703	63.3	36,323
May	37,140,645	58,502,714	63.5	37,471
June	40,520,470	60,228,843	67.3	38,956
July	43,535,541	63,941,255	68.1	41,106
August	46,185,842	64,737,215	71.3	42,925
TOTAL 1991	297,708,487	467,809,305	63.6	296,861

PERCENT CHANGE

	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1991/1990			
August	-0.9	-1.0	-3.3
Jan - Aug	-3.6	-3.3	-4.1

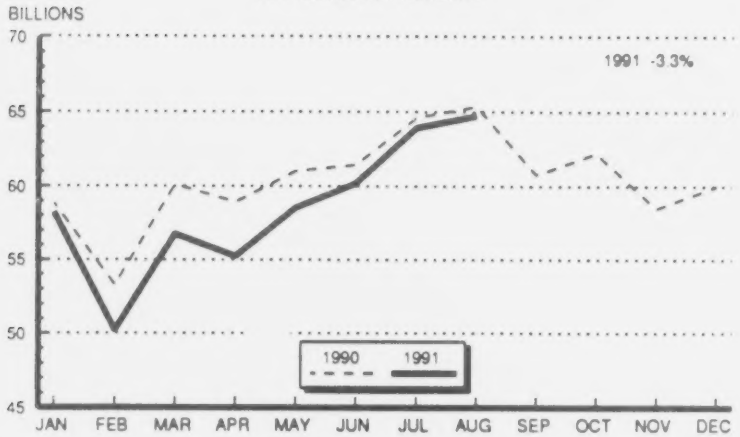
PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES